

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2010 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all or part of inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2010 Spring Shrimp Season in Louisiana state waters to open as follows:

Shrimp Management Zone 2 from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River to Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to open at 6:00 a.m., May 10, 2010, and

Shrimp Management Zone 3 from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to the Louisiana/Texas state line, to open at 6:00 a.m., May 31, 2010.

The commission also hereby grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open the spring shrimp season in both inside and outside state waters within Shrimp Management Zone 1 when the current LDWF precautionary fisheries closure within these waters is suspended; and to delay the opening of, or close, the 2010 spring inshore shrimp season if biological and technical data indicate the presence of significant numbers of small, unmarketable size brown shrimp; and to close any portion of Louisiana's inside waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop. The Secretary is further granted the authority to open any area, or re-open any previously closed area, of inside waters based upon biological and technical data.

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